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## Indiana Digital Citizenship Week September 12-16, 2016

This fall, the Indiana Department of Education will collaborate with Common Sense Education to celebrate Indiana's first Digital Citizenship Week. From September 12–16, participants in Digital Citizenship Week will focus on the 21st-century skills needed to safely maximize the potential of online technologies for learning, creating, communicating, and collaborating in school and in life.

In addition, Digital Citizenship Week will shine a light on ongoing efforts to empower our K-12 students to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly with technology both on and off campus.

As part of this statewide initiative, the Department will help educators plan, connect, and promote their efforts by providing a comprehensive toolkit that includes opportunities to:

- Teach thematic, grade-appropriate lesson plans about digital citizenship
- Join a digital citizenship community
- Support your school in becoming Common Sense Certified
- Develop positive digital habits that focus on the safe use of technology both in and out of school

Common Sense is thrilled to support this Hoosier effort and applauds this proactive approach to helping kids be safe, responsible, and respectful online. For more information about Digital Citizenship Week, including access to the comprehensive toolkit, please visit www.doe.in.gov/digcitweek. For more information about the nonprofit organization Common Sense, please visit www.commonsense.org.

We look forward to making this an amazing week for our students and the entire Hoosier community.

Sincerely,

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